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1. Because of the lack of foreign orders, the costume jewelry industry at Jablonec (Gablonz - 051/G26) and vicinity is being transferred to the production of small metal parts, textiles and building materials.
2. The following firms formerly produced metallic costume jewelry but are now filling large orders, placed principally by the Czechoslovak Armament Works in Modrany (051/L77): Mala & Sons at Smrzovka (Morchenstern - 051/G26); Feix & Sons now consolidated with Markovsky & Sons at Jablonec; Zasche at Jablonec and Brdicka, also located at Jablonec. These firms are also supplying part of their production to the Jawa motorcycle factory in Praha (051/L78). The products being delivered are semi-finished steel parts for use in automatic weapons and various steel and alloy pieces for the armament industry in general. Sub-contracts are also placed with firms which formerly supplied the costume jewelry industry. Extra labor is being allocated to the above-mentioned firms, which have sufficient orders to carry them to 1953.
3. The Tanvaldske Strojirny (Machine Factory) at Tanvald (Tannwald - 051/G36), part of the national enterprise Kovo which produces textile machines, is now filling orders for the Czechoslovak Armament Works at Brno (P50/L40) and Modrany and for the Jawa motorcycle factory in Praha. Barrels for rifles, machine guns and automatic weapons are being delivered. Tanvaldske Strojirny employs more than five hundred workers and more labor is being recruited from Moravia, from the Pizen (N50/L04) area and from the Labe (Elbe) River valley. The textile factories which are connected with Tanvaldske Strojirny are working exclusively on orders from the USSR for military uniforms and linen for military purposes.
4. The national enterprise Schwanek at Albrechtice (Albrechtsdorf - 051/G36), employing 1400 workers in two shifts, is working for the Czechoslovak Armament Works in Praha and Brno. The firm Eichler and Krause at Hostinne (Arnau - 051/G64), a part of the Czechoslovak paper industry, produces paper for the packaging of metal parts and other purposes for the Czechoslovak Armament Works at Praha, Brno and Hradec Kralove (Koeniggratz - 051/G71).

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5. Many of the small, independent enterprises which comprise the glass industry at Zelezny Brod (Eisenbrod - 051/G35) are being closed because of lack of orders and increased losses, and are being incorporated into the crystal industry at Jablonec. An example of this is the firm Hruby & Co., which has been united with the firm Jan Korinek at Semil (Semil - 051/G34), already a member of the national enterprise Czechoslovak Chandelier Production at Kamenicky Senov. The combined firm Korinek-Hruby will be abolished and moved to Kamenicky Senov. These firms at present have orders from abroad, chiefly from the United States and Australia. The only factory in the Zelezny Brod area which is doing well is the firm Mejedlo at Pelechov (two kilometers outside Zelezny Brod), engaged in the production of mechanically ground chandelier pendants. This plant is operating full time and there is a considerable backlog of orders from the United States.
6. The textile industry in the Semil and Zelezny Brod areas is occupied completely with filling orders from the USSR. Additional workers - former tradesmen and their dependents - are being allocated to this industry but are very poorly paid.
7. Skilled metal workers are being recruited in the Jablonec area and are being allocated to the ammunition factory at Hradec Kralove. This plant was built by the Germans during the war near the freight station located at the crossing of roads Horice (051/G62) - Hradec Kralove and Smirice (051/G72) - Pardubice (051/H79). The plant employs about 1200 workers. The firm Ramus & Utler at Vrchlabi (Hohenelbe - 051/G55) is soon to be moved to Hradec Kralove and attached to the ammunition factory for which it produces wooden boxes. Machinery has been transferred from the metal industry at Jablonec to this ammunition factory. This includes friction presses, eccentric presses, automatic machines for the pressing of deep drawn products, and two machines for the making of sprinkle or dye castings.
8. In addition to recruiting workers from the costume jewelry industry for the ammunition factory at Hradec Kralove, the labor office in Jablonec was ordered by the Communist Secretariat (sic) to organize 1000 workers in January 1950 and the same number in February to work in the "Brigades" in the coal mines at Moravska Ostrava (P50/059). A portion of these workers were to be employed in the wire factory at Bohumin (P50/J50) where a special cable is produced. The cable consists of an insulated wire conductor over which is wound by hand a special barbed wire with spines every three centimeters. This is then sprayed with a dark green coloring and is wound on spools. Each layer on the spool is separated by heavy paper. The wire leads from these spools are then fitted with metal clamps.
9. In general, about 60 percent of the production of the metal, glass, textile, and ceramics industries in Jablonec and vicinity is for armament purposes and is sent to the USSR.

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